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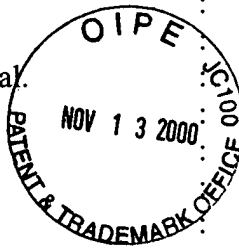
In re Application of

Masuhiko NATSUHARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/339,826

Filed: June 25, 1999

For: CERAMIC BASE MATERIAL



Group Art Unit: 1755

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office

Action dated June 14, 2000.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A ceramic base material [having] comprising main constituent elements and sintering agents the sintering agents comprising constituent elements, the base material satisfying the following formula:

$a/b \leq 1.3,$

where a: the larger of c1 and c2,

b: the smaller of c1 and c2,

c1: the ratio "k" at a main-surface side,

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